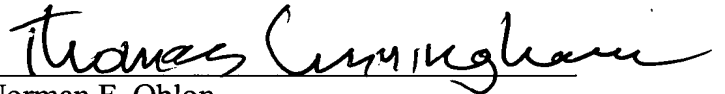


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-12 and 15-25 are active. Claims 1-12 and 15 find support in original claims 1-12 and 15. Claims 15-25 find support in the original claims and specification as follows: Claims 16-17 (Claim 1), Claims 18-20 (page 12, lines 2-8), Claims 21-23 (page 12, lines 9 and 19-20), and Claims 24-25 (pages 21-22). Accordingly, the Applicants do not believe that any new matter has been added. An early examination on the merits and favorable consideration of this amendment are now respectfully requested.

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